

ACCIDENT ON THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS

Officially Reported as a Crack in the Cylinder.

IN THE VIRGINIA CAPES

The Battleship Was at Target Practice When a Mishap Occurred to One of the Turret Guns—Fortunately No Loss of Life.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., November 29.—The battleship Texas, while at practice off the Virginia Capes yesterday, sustained an accident which will delay her departure to Cuba to join the fleet for about ten days. The firing of one of the turret guns knocked the recoil blocks out of place and gave the ship a terrific jar. None of the crew were allowed shore leave, and it has been almost impossible to get the details of the accident. The ship will go to the Norfolk navy yard to-morrow, where she will remain until the damage is repaired. The dispatches make light of the accident, but it is believed that it was more serious than the report indicates.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 29.—A report from Captain Swinburn, commander of the Texas, touching the accident on board that vessel yesterday while at target practice off the Virginia Capes, states that one of the hydraulic cylinders, which return the gun to battery, was cracked and burst. It had been filled with water when the gun was discharged. The officers expect that this will not delay the ship long, they having a spare cylinder on hand.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, VA., November 29.—Robert Sticker, constructor at the navy yard, says the accident to the battleship Texas could not have been the explosion of a cylinder, as reported, without great destruction of life. The explosion of a cylinder would have thrown fragments all about the turret. There are about ten gallons of glycerine in the recoil cylinders, which would have been scattered with terrific force. These same guns were fired repeatedly in the battleship yesterday, when he says the shock of battery must have been as great as the shock of peaceful practice. He believes the latter produced less strain than the former, but admits that there may not have been enough glycerine and water in the recoil cylinders to resist the kick of the guns. The only information at the navy yard is that the Texas returned after a test at sea.

Officers Won't Talk.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., November 29.—Officers of the battleship Texas declined to discuss the accident which disabled one of the turret guns during target practice off the Virginia Capes last night and a statement for publication is refused. An official report has been forwarded to Washington. A report, which cannot be confirmed, says the failure of the recoil mechanism of one of the guns to work after the gun was fired partially wrecked the turret and caused a semi-panic among the officers and men. The shock is said to have caused breaks in the gun mounting on board ship, resulting in considerable damage by flooding to several of the ship's cabins and store compartments.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LEESBURG, VA., November 29.—Dr. T. F. Keen, of Hamilton, has gone to New York to take a post-graduate course in general medicine and a special course in eye surgery. Dr. Keen is pastor of the Baptist church at that place and Hamilton has declined the call extended by the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

(By Associated Press.)
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BRAKEMAN SHOT AND BANDITS FLED

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 29.—Two men made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the east-bound Chicago and Alton passenger train, which left here for St. Louis at 9 o'clock to-night, at the Alton Station at Independence, a secluded spot in the eastern suburbs of that town. The train had stopped at the station and the two men, armed with rifles, boarded the rear-end of the train there. As the train was pulling out at 10 o'clock the men covered a brakeman with their rifles and commanded him to throw up his hands. The brakeman refused to obey and one of the bandits shot him in the leg. The report of the firing was heard by other trainmen who hurried to the rear-end of the train. The two robbers were evidently disconcerted by the turn of events and, becoming frightened at the prospect of being caught, fled from the train before it had gained much headway.

ROUGH EXPERIENCE OF THE SCHOONER TAULANE

(By Associated Press.)

CHATHAM, MASS., Nov. 29.—The schooner R. A. Taulane, from Brunswick, Ga., for Boston, with a cargo of lumber which passed here at sunset yesterday, had a rough experience during the night off the cape. She returned and anchored off Orleans at daylight, leaking 500 strokes an hour. She was unable to get her anchor this afternoon and was boarded by Captain Charles and crew of the Orleans Life Saving Station, who found the anchor had caught in a submarine cable. It was finally freed and the schooner proceeded northward.

FATHER CAME HOME DRUNK; WAS KILLED BY HIS SON

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SETTLING BASIN SEEMS ASSURED

Votes Enough in Sight to Issue \$405,000 in Bonds.

INVESTIGATION RESOLUTION

Big Fight Probable in Common Council To-Morrow Night When Minor Measure is Taken Under Consideration—Council News.

The report of the Water and Finance Committee, recommending the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$405,000 with which to erect settling and coagulating basins in the hope of furnishing the people of the city with clear water and construct a stand pipe in the Lee District, with the intention of increasing the pressure in that section of the city, will come up for final action before the Common Council at their regular meeting to-morrow night. It may be stated that votes sufficient have been pledged to the scheme to assure its passage by that body.

Under the law a two-thirds vote is necessary, and as there are thirty-five members of the Common Council it may be seen that twenty-four votes are required in order to adopt the recommendation.

Realizing the intense interest of the public in the proposition a party of the Common Council was made last week by a representative of The Times, and twenty-six out of the thirty-five are known to favor the scheme, two more votes than are necessary to authorize the issuance of the bonds.

The vote on the proposition to-morrow night will be practically as follows: For the adoption of the report of the two committees without changes—J. M. N. Allen, Morton Anderson—he will be elected to succeed Mr. Banks before the question comes up—Boswell, Bottom, Clowes, Cranshaw, Curtis, Elliott, Ferguson, Garber, Hesslip, Huber, Glenn, Hargrove, Hicks, Miner, O'Neil, Phillips, Pollard, Shea, Spence, Stein, Teeffey, Whalen and Williams—26.

Doubtful—Bloomberg, Grimes, Pollock, Russell, West and Winston—6.

Doubtful, but thought to oppose the scheme—Peters, Hobson and Mills—3.

The victory for the settling basin and stand pipe in the Common Council will be followed next week in the Board of Aldermen, after which the ordinance will go to Mayor Taylor for his approval. After ground is broken it is estimated that two years will be required to complete the basins.

Probably no measure introduced in either branch of the Council in years has aroused more general interest among politicians and citizens alike than the proposed creation of an investigating committee to probe further into the alleged municipal corruption. This matter will come to a head to-morrow night unless the opposition succeeds in side-tracking it by tabling it indefinitely, and the Council chamber promises to present an animated appearance until after the resolution has been disposed of.

A resolution similar in every important respect to the one that is to come up to-morrow night was defeated by the Common Council at a session during the latter part of last month and present prospects point to disaster for the one that is now pending. In both instances the Board of Aldermen has passed it by a unanimous vote.

On the night of October 23d, when the last resolution was considered by the Common Council, the vote stood for the investigation: Messrs. Anderson, Bottom, Clowes, Cranshaw, Elliott, Garber, Hesslip, Glenn, Hobson, Hargrove, Miner, Phillips and Pollard—13.

Against the investigation: Messrs. Allen, Bloomberg, Boswell, Curtis, Ferguson, Huber, Grimes, Hicks, O'Neil, Mills, Peters, Pollock, Russell, Spence, Stein, Teeffey, West, Whalen, Williams

and Winston—20. Two members, Messrs. Shea and Blanks, were absent.

Mr. Minor has stated that as many as four or five of those who before opposed the investigation will support it at the meeting to-morrow night. This being the case seventeen or eighteen will record themselves as favoring the measure. In case only seventeen vote aye the resolution will be lost, as it requires eighteen for a majority. Both sides are of the opinion that Councilman Shea will vote with them, and he may thus be regarded as doubtful, with a strong probability that he will go on record as opposing the investigation. Mr. Blanks, the other member who was absent from the last meeting, is no longer a member of the body, and in case Mr. Walter Morton is elected to the vacancy before the vote on the resolution is taken, it is not known how he will vote.

On the other hand, those members who are fighting the investigation are firm in their belief that it will be defeated with a nice majority, and they, too, claim that some of the members who at the other meeting voted for the investigation will this time oppose it. Thus it would seem that there will be little change in the vote. This opinion is expressed only after a careful canvass among the Councilmen.

It was generally conceded by Council members yesterday afternoon that Mr. W. V. Morton, a well known tobacco-viet, would be elected to the seat in the Common Council from Lee Ward vacated by the retirement of Mr. J. M. Blanks, in accordance with an opinion expressed by City Attorney Pollard. Morton is the unanimous choice of the ward delegation.

The Light Committee will hold a brief session Monday night for the purpose of passing upon the pay-roll for November. The James River Improvement Committee will meet next Wednesday afternoon.

PREPARING FOR PRISCILLA

Operato Be Sung December 11th Promises to Be a Musical Treat.

The production of Priscilla at the Academy of Music on December 11th for the benefit of the McGill Catholic Union building fund, promises to be a rare treat to all lovers of good music. The Soldiers' Fighting Song, to be sung by a chorus of thirty male voices in the first act; the Soldiers' Love Song, by the same chorus, with baritone obbligato by Mr. Edwin Smith, and the Spinning Wheel Song, by Mrs. John Murphy, are all full of bright, catchy music and doubtless will be beautifully rendered. The Spinning Wheel Song has always proved to be the most popular in the opera, and affords Mrs. Murphy a splendid opportunity to add to the reputation her voice has already made for her.

The next rehearsal will take place on Tuesday night at the Cathedral Hall at 8 o'clock. A dress rehearsal will be held at the Academy of Music on Thursday night, the 4th instant.

Hunt of Deep Run Hounds.

The Deep Run Hunt met yesterday at 10 o'clock and the field enjoyed a brisk run. In spite of the soft ground after rain, over a ten mile course, skillfully laid by the dogmen. The hounds were very fresh and ran ragged, the damp scent driving the stronger on ahead of the bunch. The hunt was quite a field cross-country and around through the woods to the Club.

Those out yesterday were the M. F. H. Mr. Harris C. Beattie, the president, Dr. Joseph A. White, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christie, Miss Gladys Palmer, Mr. Randolph Holladay, Mr. Jonathan Elyan, Mr. Archer Anderson, Jr., Mr. J. R. J. Anderson, Mr. Carl Nolting, Mr. Fred Nolting, Mr. Elmore Hotchkiss, Mr. Frank Guphill, Mr. Leigh R. Page, and five or six others. At the club house were Mr. and Mrs. Cotesworth Pindney, Mr. Jeffrey Montague, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. La Bonta and half a dozen others.

Handsome Calendar.

One of the handsomest calendars of the season is that being sent out by the Equitable Life. Frank W. Dunner, general agent, North Carolina and Richmond. There are six handsome sheets in the portfolio, representing the year, the month, the week, the day, the hour, and the minute. The pictures are artistically illustrated in color. They show Old Glory, our present flag, our Union flag, the old national flag, the blue and white flag of the old navy, our first national flag and the old liberty banner.

NEGRO BANJO PLAYER USES PISTOL WITH FATAL EFFECT

(By Associated Press.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 29.—Henry Croftford, an itinerant negro banjo player, whose home is believed to be in Washington, D. C., to-day shot and instantly killed Elsie Lewis, colored, probably fatally wounded Mabel Nixon, colored, then fired a shot into his own brain, dying instantly. Croftford was twenty-three years of age. Jealousy is said to have been the motive for the tragedy.

MINER KILLED

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

Norfolk and Western Telegraph Operators' Barquet.
BLUEFIELD, W. VA., November 29.—John Boshia, a Hungarian miner, was killed at Algoma operation to-day by a fall of slate. Boshia's head was mashed flat.

Norfolk and Western District, No. 11. Other Railway Telegraphers, held a business meeting here to-night, after which a sumptuous banquet was served at the Bluefield Inn.

Spring Garden Marriage.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHATHAM, VA., Nov. 29.—The marriage of Mr. Rawley Martin Shields to Miss Lella Coleman Cox at Spring Garden Presbyterian Church will be witnessed by a large gathering of friends and admirers Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Miss Mollie Cox, sister of the bridegroom, will be maid of honor, and Mr. Hunt Meadow, cousin of the groom, will act as best man. After the ceremony an elegant reception will be tendered the bridal party at the bride's home. The church will be very elaborately decorated, and the event is one of much interest in Spring Garden society circles.

Has his 11th Marriages.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., November 29.—A pretty wedding was performed at the Baptist parsonage here on Wednesday last. Rev. G. W. Beale officiating. The contracting parties were John W. Conley and Miss Mary Alveta Dawson, both of this county. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jerry Dawson, a prosperous farmer of Northumberland, while the groom is a young business man.

Mr. Julian Bryant and Miss Hester Davis were united in marriage here by Rev. G. W. Beale Thursday morning. Both are of this county.

Interesting Announcement.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., November 29.—Cards have been issued, announcing the marriage of Dr. F. C. Smith formerly of Hamilton, this county, and Miss Lyviah Eliza Keene, of Wilmington, Del. The marriage is to take place on Wednesday, December 10th.

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THIRTEEN LIVES BY EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 29.—With a deafening report a boiler in Swift and Company's plant exploded shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

Thirteen lives were sacrificed and scores of employees, visitors and others were injured. Huge boilers were sent through the roof of the structure and hurled hundreds of feet. Nobody within the boiler-room survived to tell the story of the accident and it may never be known what caused the explosion.

A careful investigation to-day, however, convinced the experts that the explosion was the result of carelessness on the part of an employee, whose own life also was sacrificed. Five minutes after the explosion nothing of the building but a pile of twisted iron, bricks and mortar remained.

OTHER BUILDINGS WRECKED.

Sheets of flames sprang from the ruins, and the spectators realized that it would be impossible to save the lives of those who were caught in the wreck.

The explosion was of such force that adjoining buildings were wrecked, torn and twisted like toys. Men, women and boys at work in adjoining departments were hurled through windows to the ground below.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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ground below. Many of them escaped with but slight bruises, but most of the victims were hurt to such an extent that it was necessary to remove them to hospitals. Others were taken to their homes.

Vanderbilt Party Here.

Mr. William K. Vanderbilt and party, on board the New Yorker's private car, passed through Richmond last night, en route North returning from Wilmington, N. C., where they had spent the last ten days.

The car was handled to Richmond over the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and North over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Goodwin Atkinson.

Mrs. Mary R. Goodwin Atkinson died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her father, Dr. Daniel Goodwin, in Henrico county, her death following but a few days after her husband, Dr. Henry D. Atkinson, who last Monday passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Atkinson, of No. 511 East Grace Street. The death of the mother leaves an infant child, which has been legally adopted by the parents of its father. Mrs. Atkinson's death was due to consumption, with the last stages of which she had been suffering for many months.

Early this fall Mrs. Atkinson spent some time with Mrs. Sidney Dudley in Hampton, but her condition growing steadily more grave she was brought to her parents' home, near this city. At this time her husband accompanied her, and soon after arriving was taken ill in his death. They had been married but a little more than a year. Mrs. Atkinson being only eighteen years of age. The funeral will take place from the home of Dr. Goodwin this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service being conducted by Rev. Father Kauf, of Sacred Heart Church.

Wilbur Barker.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HEATHSVILLE, VA., November 29.—Mr. Wilbur Barker, after a short period of sickness, died at his home near Union Village, this county, last Saturday, aged twenty-one years. He was the eldest son of Mr. Joseph Barker, who is a success in the farming of Northumberland. This family moved to this county about two years ago, they having formerly lived in Alexandria, where they were well known. Since his arrival here he has made many friends, and was among the most popular young men. The deceased leaves a father, mother and brothers in deep distress.

Walter P. Bralley.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WYTHEVILLE, VA., November 29.—A well known resident of Wytheville,

Walter P. Bralley, died suddenly at his home this afternoon. He fell on the railway track while on the way home. Bystanders took him to his home, where he died a few minutes later. A coroner's jury was summoned and rendered a verdict of death from natural causes. Bralley was married two months ago. His father died last summer.

United States Marshal Cunningham.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 29.—George I. Cunningham, United States marshal for the District of South Carolina, died to-day, aged sixty-seven.

Colonel O'Chiltre's Funeral.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 29.—The funeral of Thomas P. O'Chiltre was held in this city to-day. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the Church of the Paulist Fathers, and the body was placed in a vault at Calvary Cemetery.

DEATHS

GARY.—Died, at his residence, No. 1213 West Broad Street, at 1:40 A. M., GEORGE M., son of Lucy G. and the late William T. Gary. In the forty-fifth year of his age. Funeral from the Asbury Methodist Church SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

TOLKER.—Died, Friday, November 28th, at 9:30 A. M., GERHARD TOLKER, in the sixty-second year of his age. Funeral will take place from St. Mary's Catholic Church THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.

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6 pounds of Fresh Ginger Snaps.....25c	6 Bars Ivory Soap.....25c
6 packages Uneida Biscuits.....25c	6 Pounds Large California Prunes.....25c
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